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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Schroeder, et al. Docket No.: 00P9111US  
Serial No.: 09/745,676 Art Unit: 2851  
Filed: December 21, 2000 Examiner: Rodney E. Fuller  
For: Method and Apparatus for Aerial Image Improvement in Projection  
Lithography Using a Phase Shifting Aperture

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**Amendment**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in response to Examiner's *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action mailed September 3, 2004. They are believed to be a full and complete response to said Action.